

QuickAlerts Messages May 2016

QuickAlerts – May 6, 2016

Subject: Modernized e-File Production System is experiencing an issue

The Modernized e-File Production System is currently experiencing an issue. The IRS is working to resolve the problem as a top priority. Please refrain from accessing the MeF System to transmit submissions, get acknowledgements, retrieve state submissions, send state acknowledgements or submit any other service requests until further notice.

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Subject: Modernized e-File Production System is Operational

Modernized e-File (MeF) is operational for all service requests. Please resume sending federal and state submissions, sending state acknowledgements and retrieving federal and state acknowledgements.

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Subject: Unscheduled ACA Information Return (AIR) Maintenance: AATS

Due to unscheduled maintenance, the AATS environment will be unavailable today, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Eastern. Please refrain from accessing this environment through the A2A or UI Channel.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience in this matter.

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Subject: Unscheduled ACA Information Return (AIR) AATS Maintenance Complete

The unscheduled maintenance of the AIR AATS environment is complete. The AIR AATS system is now operational.

Thank you for your patience and support. Please monitor the [AIR Program page](#) for updates.

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Subject: ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting on May 24, 2016

The next ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting (webinar) will be held:

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Dial-in: 1-877-369-5243 Passcode: 0282240# (Enter the access code on your telephone keypad, followed immediately by the # symbol to bypass system prompts)

You may join the teleconference 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start. You must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day

of the event.

To register for this event, use the following link: [Webinar Registration](#)

If clicking the above link does not work, please copy the entire link and paste it into your web browser. We will send a confirmation email within 24 hours of registration.

This virtual session will focus on General Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) Program topics. At the conclusion of the presentation, there will be a live question and answer period with IRS presenters.

You may use your computer speakers to listen to the webinar or use the teleconference number provided above. To avoid background noise, please do not use both the computer speakers and the teleconference number.

The presentation for this meeting will be posted to the [AIR Program overview](#) page prior to the meeting. We will issue an additional QuickAlerts message when we post the presentation.

NOTE: The intended audiences of these meetings are Transmitters, Software Developers and Issuers/Payers.

If you are a business owner, tax manager, employee benefits manager, health coverage provider, or software developer or transmitter, you can access and review the **Affordable Care Act Information Returns Corrections Process** video on the [IRS Video Portal](#).

QuickAlerts – May 16, 2016

Subject: Schedule Maintenance for the ACA Information Return (AIR) System

The AIR System will be performing scheduled maintenance starting at 8:00 a.m. Eastern on May 21, 2016, through 7:59 a.m. Eastern on May 22, 2016. There will be a second scheduled maintenance starting at 8:00 a.m. Eastern on June 18, 2016 through 7:59 a.m. Eastern on June 19, 2016. These builds will deploy critical system updates.

The AATS and Production environments will be unavailable during the maintenance. Please refrain from accessing the AIR System for both the A2A and UI Channels during this time.

QuickAlerts – May 17, 2016

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Systems Shutdown for Memorial Day Weekend

All times shown in this communication are in Eastern Time Zone.

IRS will conduct the annual Memorial Day Systems Shutdown beginning Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 11:59 a.m. and ending on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. The Modernized e-File Systems (both Production and ATS) will not be operational during this timeframe. Please refrain from accessing the MeF Systems to transmit business/individual/state tax returns, retrieve acknowledgements or submit any other service requests.

Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for any updates. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – May 18, 2016

Subject: Extended Maintenance Window for the MeF Production and ATS Environments

We are extending the MeF scheduled maintenance build window on Sunday, May 22, 2016. The system will be unavailable from 1:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., Eastern.

The build will deploy critical system updates. This extended window affects the MeF Production and ATS Environments.

Thank you in advance for refraining from accessing the MeF Production and ATS Systems during this period

QuickAlerts – May 23, 2016

Subject: Routine Memorial Day maintenance begins May 28

The IRS will conduct its annual Memorial Day systems maintenance outage beginning Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 11:59 a.m. EDT and ending on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. EDT. E-Services' Transcript Delivery System, TIN Matching and e-file Application will not be available during this period.

QuickAlerts – May 23, 2016

Subject: Update for the ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting May 24, 2016

The May 24, 2016 Working Group Meeting (webinar) presentation materials have been posted on the [AIR Program overview](#) page.

The webinar is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. As a reminder, you must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day of the event. To register for this event, use the following link: [Webinar Registration](#).

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QuickAlerts – May 24, 2016

Subject: Is it Time to verify your e-file Application Information?

As you are transitioning into the next filing season, remember to take time to review your e-file application information through [e-services](#). Update your e-file application information within 30 days of any changes, such as individuals involved, addresses or telephone numbers. Failure to do so may result in the inactivation of your EFIN.

Your application should only include individual Principals authorized to act for the entity in legal and/or tax matters. For example:

- Sole Proprietor is the Principal
- Partnership should list each partner who has 5% or more interest in the partnership
- Corporation should list the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer

Your application should also include a Responsible Official. A Responsible Official is an individual with authority over the Provider's IRS *e-file* operation at a location, is the first point of contact with the IRS and has authority to sign revised IRS *e-file* applications. The Responsible Official may oversee IRS *e-file* operations at one or more offices, but must be able to fulfill identified responsibilities for each of the offices. If one individual cannot fulfill these responsibilities, add Responsible Officials to the e-file application.

Note: Only individuals involved in the operation of the business can be on the e-file application.

For more information see [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [Publication 3112](#)

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Subject: Heavy Highway Use Tax (Form 2290) Business Rules and XML Schemas for Tax Years 2016v1.0; 2015v4.3; and 2014v3.1

The Heavy Highway Use Tax (Form 2290) Business Rules and XML Schemas for Tax Years 2016v1.0; 2015v4.3; and 2014v3.1 are posted on IRS.gov. The changes will be available in the Assurance Testing System (ATS) on June 1, 2016 and Production on July 1, 2016.

The test scenarios for TYs 2016; 2015; and 2014 are posted to the Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) Updates page on [IRS.gov](#). The test scenarios for TY 2013 are located in Publication 4594, Modernized e-File (MeF) Test Package for Excise Tax Returns for TY 2013.

Direct your questions or comments to the e-help Desk at 1-866-255-0654.

QuickAlerts – May 25, 2016

Subject: AIR Production System Experiencing Increased Acknowledgement Time

The ACA Information Return (AIR) System is currently experiencing an increased time to generate acknowledgements in the Production environment. The IRS is working to resolve this as a top priority. Please refrain from retrieving acknowledgements until further notice.

QuickAlerts – May 26, 2016

Subject: Unscheduled Maintenance for the ACA Information Return (AIR) System

The AIR System will be performing unscheduled maintenance starting at 8:00 p.m. Eastern on Friday, May 27, 2016, through 6:00 a.m. Eastern on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

The AATS and Production environments will be unavailable during the maintenance. Please refrain from accessing the AIR System for both the A2A and UI Channels during this time.

QuickAlerts – May 31, 2016

Subject: The AIR System is Operational

The AIR System is operational for all service requests in the Production and AATS environment. You may now begin transmitting returns and checking the status of returns. However, the IRS has seen that most status checks are coming in during return processing. Please check the status 30 minutes after transmitting and then every 2 hours.
